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St. Petersburg College to launch training resources for next generation of police leaders

ST. PETERSBURG (Oct. 20, 2014) – St. Petersburg College’s Center for Public Safety Innovation announces the launch of the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Executive Session on Police Leadership website at www.bjaexecutivesessiononpoliceleadership.org. This collaborative effort between SPC and BJA, the multi-year Executive Session (2010-2014), focused on the role of policing and police leaders in the changing environment of 21st century public safety.

The Executive Session on Police Leadership assembled leaders from policing, local government, national associations and academics for a series of meetings to discuss the critical issues facing leaders in the coming decades. Over the course of the four-year project, these leaders directed working groups that examined specific topics in depth. Those topics ranged from trust and collaboration to problem solving and the law to leadership development in a new age of learning.

“The work of the Executive Session will make a timely contribution to national discussions on the changing nature of public safety and the role of police leaders in guiding their organizations and developing the next generation of leaders,” said Denise E. O’Donnell, director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance. “We join with St. Petersburg College, the Major Cities Chiefs Association and the Police Executive Research Forum in celebrating the release of this website.”

The multimedia web site offers a mix of downloadable video, audio pieces, long and short papers and discussion tools that examine police leadership from many angles. Highlights of the website include an eight-part video series that addresses, among other subjects, the relevance of Peel’s Principles today. Current leaders can use the site to become more effective in their own work and in their ability to prepare new leaders for the future. The material can also be used as a teaching resource for individuals involved in leadership development.

“It is wonderful to see St. Petersburg College championing a project that can truly impact how executives lead today and into the future,” said Darrel W. Stephens, co-director of the Executive Session project, executive director of Major Cities Chiefs and former City of St. Petersburg Police Chief. “Agencies from coast to coast and the communities they serve will be impacted by the work being released this month.”

ABOUT CPSI: The [Center for Public Safety Innovation](#) is based at St. Petersburg College’s Allstate Center and develops and delivers high quality training for emergency and first responders, military personnel, and the general public using state-of-the-art technology and best practices in education and training.

ABOUT SPC: [St. Petersburg College](#) was Florida’s first two-year college (founded in 1927) as well

as the state's first community college to offer bachelor's degrees (2002). Today, SPC is one of 28 state colleges, and with 11 learning sites, serves as a model for incorporating bachelor's degree programs into traditional two-year institutions.

ABOUT BJA: The Bureau of Justice Assistance is a component of the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs, which also includes the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the National Institute of Justice, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Office for Victims of Crime, and the SMART Office.